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SUMMARY. CAIRO PRESS AUGUST 2 IS SHRILLY ANTI-DAMASCUS, PROVIDING FURTHER DETAILS OF ALLEGED CONTACTS BETWEEN RABIN, MARONITES AND SYRIANS. KING HUSAIN ALLEGEDLY ONE OF COORDINATORS OF MEETINGS, WHICH WERE SUPPOSEDLY HELD TO PARCEL OUT LEBANON, DESTROY PALESTIAN RESISTANCE, AND ESTABLISH SYRIA-JORDAN-PALESTINE CONFEDERATION. END SUMMARY.

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1. FOLLOWING OFFICIAL GOE TIRADE AGAINST SYRIA PUBLISHED JULY 31 (REFTEL), CAIRO PRESS CONINUES SHRILL ATTACKS ON SYRIAN BA'ATH'S "OBJECTIVES" IN LEBANON, I.E., SOW DISHARMONY AMONGST PALESTINIANS AND LEFTISTS, SPLINTER PLO AND ULTIMATELY DESTROY IT.

2. SYRIAN-ISRAELI CONTACTS. GUMHURIYYA, CITING PLO SOURCES, CLAIMS FORST GOI-SARG CONTACT OCCURRED MORE THAN YEAR AGO WHEN RABIN AND JOSEPH SHAWIR, DESCRIBED AS DEPUTY PHALANGIST HEAD, AGREED LIQUIDATE PALESTIAN RESISTANCE IN LEBANON AND DETERMINED LINES OF PARTITION. SARG REP LATER JOINED TALKS. SOURCES ADDED THAT US AND USSR GAVE GREEN LIGHT TO OPERATIONS. CURRENT CONTACTS ARE NOW SUPPOSEDLY OCCURRING IN GENEVA AND ROME. ENGLISH LANGUAGE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE, CITING "PRESS REPORTS," SAYS SARG-GOJ-GOI SCHEME WAS COORDINATED BY FRANJIYA AND CHAMOUN, AS WELL AS THROUGH DIRECT SYRIAN-ISRAELI CONTACTS. FIRST DIRECT CONTACT BEWTEEN SYRAIAN AND ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE WAS AT A GENEVA HOTEL "ON JULY 24 LAST." KING HUSAIN AND CHAMOUN, ACCORDING TO GAZETTE, PLAYED LEADING ROLE IN ARRANGING THESE MEETINGS, WHICH WERE CALLED IN ORDER FIRST TO LIQUIDATE PRESENT LEADERSHIP OF PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE AND THEN TO ESTABLISH CONFEDERATION OF SYRIA, JORDAN AND PALESTINE.

3. NEW SARG PRIMIN. "POLITICAL OBSERVERS" (PRESUMABLY MFA), PERHAPS AWAITING CABINET ANNOUNCEMENT BEFORE MAKING SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT, RESPRICT THEMSELVES TO NOTING THAT AYYUBI RESIGNATION COMES AT CRITICAL TIME FOR BA'ATHI COMMAND, WHEN ITS "SUSPICIOUS CONTACTS" WITH ISRAEL ARE BOUND TO INCREASE SYRIAN POLITICAL ISLOATION IN ARAB WORLD. OBSERVERS CLAIM RESIGNATION PROVES GRAVE CONFLICT EXISTS AMONG "THE VARIOUS POWERS" IN SYRIA SINCE ASAD'S ARMY DAY SPEECH DID NOT PREDICT ANY SUDDEN GOVERNMENT CHANGE. THERE IS NO COMMENT ON KHALIFAWI OTHER THAN HIS BIO, WITH STRESS ON MEMBERSHIP IN BA'ATHI REGIONAL AND NATIONAL COMMANDS.

4. NEW SYRIAN ASSAULTS. AHRAH BANNERS THAT SYRIA HAS OPENED NEW FRONT NEAR JEZZINE, ATTACKING PALESTINIANS AND LEFTISTS.

5. PLO LAMBASTS SARG. FATAH'S ABU SHARARA (ABU SALAM), UNCLASSIFIED

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APPARENTLY STILL IN CAIRO, PROVIDES AKHBAR WITH ITS RED BANNER: "WE ACCEPT THE MASSACRE AND REJECT SYRIAN TUTELAGE." IN PRESS STATEMENT, HE REPORTEDLY SAID PALESTINIANS FROM VERY BEGINNING HAD AGREED ADOPT ANY SOLUTION SUGGESTED BY LEBANESE LEADERSHIP, BUT SYRIAN MILITARY INTERVENTION AND CONTINUING TERRORISM AGAINST TAL ZA'TAR ARE UNACCEPTABLE. IT IS SYRIAN INTELLIGENCE AND SA'IQA, NOT "THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION," WHICH INTERVENES IN LEBANESE DOMESTIC AFFARIS. PALESTINIANS ARE FULLY READY

IMPLEMENT CAIRO ACCORDS WHEN SARKIS ASSUMES POWER, PROVIDED  
TIMETABLE FOR SYRAIN WITHDRAWAL IS ESTABLISHED AND MEDICAL AND  
OTHER SUPPLIES ARE PERMITTED REACH "PALESTINIAN AREAS."

6. COMMENTARIES UNIFORMLY ANTI-SYRIAN. ALL EDITORIALISTS  
AUGUST 2 REFER TO SYRIA. AKHBAR EVEN QUOTES QADHAFI. UNDER  
HEADLINE, "OUT OF MOUTHS OF BABES AND IDIOTS," AKHBAR  
CHAIRMAN NOTES EVEN "LUNATIC FROM LIBYA," ONCE ALLY OF  
BA'ATHIS' REGIME OF PROSTITUTION, TOLD GERMAN JOURNALIST THAT  
SARG INTENDS WIPE OUT PALESTINIANS AND LEBANESE PROGRESSIVES  
IN ORDER PLEASE AMERICA. GUMHURIYYA LABELS NEW PLO-SARG  
AGREEMENT AS SIMPLY NEW TACTIC MASKING SAX OBJECTIVES,  
AN INEVITABLE CONCLUSION GIVEN OMISSION OF DATE FOR SYRIAN  
MILITARY WITHDRAWAL. PALESTINIAN PUBLICIST CLOVIS MAQSUD,  
WRITING IN AHRAM, SAYS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ARE NOT ENOUGH-  
HE WANTS ARAB SUMMIT WITHOUT DELAY.  
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